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Good Friday to Easter!

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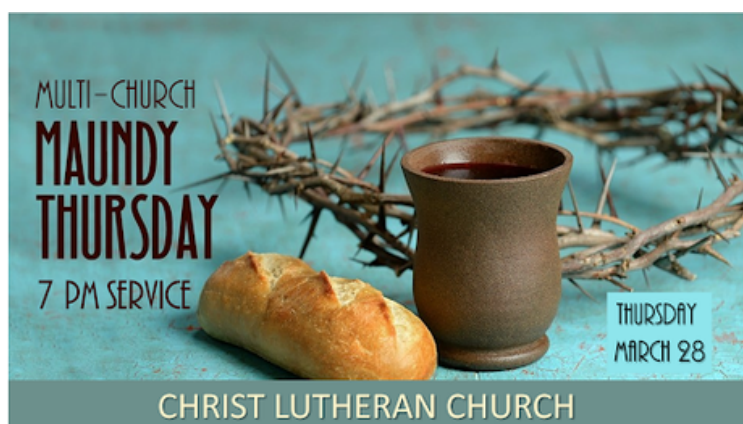
During the Lenten Season we have been exploring some questions that Jesus posed to his listeners as a means to wonder about how those same questions might apply to our own life and faith. Strangely, however, of all the 307 questions Jesus asks in the bible, only one of them he asks of God. In his final moments on the cross (as recorded in Matthew) Jesus utters the very last words of his life (from Psalm 22) by asking the question; “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mt 27:46). Have you ever considered what it means that these were Jesus last words on earth in Matthew’s Gospel? Where is the Good News here?

Frankly, they are some of the most hopeful words as we head towards Easter. In his worst hour, Jesus didn’t ask anyone to save him, except for inviting God to consider, “If it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want” (Mt 26:39). Yet in his final hour his faith does not turn to the crowd or to the Roman guards to ask to be saved, or to his mother, or brothers, or Disciples to air his frustration. He speaks directly to the one with whom he has the closest relationship – the one who he trusts with his deepest anguish, frustration, and the truth of his own fears – God has abandoned me. Have you ever felt this way in your deepest anguish? It’s difficult to hear Jesus’ question and not hear a response from God. Isn’t that often the case when we first cry out to God in our deepest suffering. Sometimes it feels as if there is no answer.

In this case God didn’t speak. Sometimes, anguish is the very thing that brings us to our knees and invites us to cut through the surface of our faith and go deeper...even if it means questioning God’s intent. Perhaps that’s the point of the cross...Grace can handle our pain, and rejoices when we have courage enough to speak the truth of our experience to God! Let us not forget...that after a few days, when the shock of it all began to settle in, God granted new life (beyond the grave)! Then God unleashed the Spirit of Christ, as promised, on day of Pentecost and

invited the church to embody the questions and honesty of Jesus that takes Grace seriously! Thanks be to God!
Happy Easter!

Grace & Peace,
Darla





YOUTH news *from Rev. Kevin Toth*

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@fccyouthcrawfordville



*Easter Egg Hunt:
This Sunday
(March 31st)!*

Right after worship on Easter, Pastor Kevin will be inviting all our children to join him on a special search to find Jesus while also being on the lookout for some Easter eggs! We will first gather in the parlor for instructions. Please feel free to bring your own buckets and we will have a few extras in case anyone has forgotten to bring one. Please reach out to Kevin if you have any questions before Sunday.



Youth engaged in an amazing Easter Craft led by Mary Fossnock & Deb Vaught!



Youth Sunday: April 7th, 2024!

“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”- Jesus, Matthew 19:14

We are so excited for our upcoming Youth Sunday on April 7th! We hope you will join us and support our youth in leading an amazing worship experience in a couple of weeks! Reach out to Pastor Kevin with any questions. 😊

Children's Church Calendar

Date	Bible Lesson	Teacher
April 7	No Children's Church [YOUTH SUNDAY]	None
April 14	Jesus's Last Passover	Mary Fosnock
April 21	Jesus is Risen- Mary Magdelene	Beth Daniel Lindsay
April 28	Jesus is Risen- Road to Emmaus	Diane McLaughlin

All children ages 4 to 12 are invited to participate in our Worship and Wonder curriculum!

CLASS OF 2024 *Calling all Graduates!*

We will be honoring our 2024 graduates whose families are associated with our church on **May 5th** during worship. We need your help to identify those graduating from high school, college, or any Voc-Tech studies so that we can honor them in worship and in our church newsletter. Please contact Kevin or Kate Lindsay (kate@donandkate.org) or the church office with the name of your graduate, degree achieved, institution, and future plans no later than **April 26th**. Thanks for your help!



Summer Church Camp registration is open!

All registration is done online by following this link to the Indiana Regional Website:
<https://indianadisciples.org/2024-camp/>

If you wish to attend one of the camps and would like some financial assistance, please contact Pastor Kevin before May 1st.

If you would like to support our camp scholarship fund at the church, we greatly appreciate any size donations. A special offering will be collected on Youth Sunday to support the camp scholarship fund as well.

TAKE NOTE

VBS VOLUNTEERS MEETING
Including Safety Training from YSB

APRIL 7TH,
Immediately following
Worship

Light lunch provided.
BYOD (Bring Your Own Drink)

Also open to all WOW/Children's Church workers who need the safety training.
Questions? Email Tammy Meyers. tjmeyers@gmail.com

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Would you be willing to drop off a dessert for the VBS Volunteers for our April 7th training?

Please contact Tammy:
tjmeyers@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Indiana Disciples Regional Assembly

Mark your Calendars! Come and enjoy fellowship, meaningful conversation, sharing a meal and worship together with other Disciples at the Regional Assembly of our Indiana Disciples larger church family. We can all carpool together. 😊



We have a wonderful growing number of children and young families in our congregation and really need more childcare providers. Currently we are looking to **hire two childcare providers** for Sunday morning and for special church events at \$15.00 per hour. We give thanks for Ben and Michelle who are already offering wonderful care but are not always able to be there every Sunday or at other church events. **If you know someone** who might be interested and called to this loving service please have them e-mail 211fccville@gmail.com or contact the church office at 765.362.4812. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Montgomery County
Youth Service Bureau

Coming MAY 18th to Wabash College!



On **Saturday evening, May 18**, Pastor Darla and Kaylynn Ranspach will each be participating in a dancing pair to raise money for our **Youth Services Bureau** who does so much to advocate, build up, care for and empower the youth of our community – especially the most at-risk youth. **Pastor Darla** will be dancing with, **Steve Frees**, a retired teacher (who will be her dance instructor) and **Kaylynn Ranspach** will be the dance instructor and partner to current art teacher & coach, **Laurie Vellner**. Public ticket sales will begin **April 1 at \$55.00 per seat** (includes dinner, silent auction, and the event). **Donations** in Dancers' names or **Event tickets** can be purchased at <http://www.mcysb.org/>. Every year the event sells out to a crowd of 800 and is held at the Wabash College's Knowling Fieldhouse! Hope you will join in supporting this great organization that changes the lives of the most vulnerable and promising persons in our community!



Thanks to a few dedicated volunteers FCC delivers meals to about 40 to 50 people every Friday of the even numbered months. Our drivers and deliverers include Jerry Whipkey, Justin Myers, Don Lindsay, Dave Lunsford, Ann Skomp, Glenda Walther, Barb Frye, Rick and Jan Stout, Carolyn Snyder, Linda and Dale Petrie, Sandy Henthorn, Jeff Stewart, Keith and Betsy Strain, and Ginny and Dave Maharry. This service takes about one and a half hours and is so important to the clients as we may be the only people they see or talk to that day. If anyone wants to become a part of this team please contact Dave Maharry. We are not feeding 5000, but it is important to the 40 or 50.



Bible for the People Podcast

Due to the busyness of the Lenten season, we have not recorded our next episode continuing into the book of Isaiah. We apologize for the delay but hope after Easter we will record and release our next episode. In the meantime, we love to hear from you and your questions which you can submit to: bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.

Women's Lenten Breakfast

Sixty-five women gathered in the Fellowship Hall quite early this past Saturday morning for a lovely breakfast prepared by the women of FCC. Sandra Ruby wrote a prayer that was shared as a silent reflective moment prior to its beginning. In the sanctuary, Betty Munro welcomed the group who represented women from across the county. Carolyn Snyder offered the invocation. Judy Michal acknowledged the almost 200 year history of our congregation. Sandy Henthorn and Mary Fosnock brought the special music, *Via Dolorosa*. Rev. Darla provided the meditation relating the theme, **Take Up Your Cross**, based on the text of Matthew 16:24-26. Plans are underway for the Lenten season of 2025.....at a slightly later hour as voted on by the women present. I wish to "Thank" the many FCC hands, who made this another successful fellowship... **Kate Lindsay**

Palm Sunday & Easter Cantata





Global Missions 5K Dash

The Global Ministries Mission 5K Dash is on Sunday, April 14th at 8 AM at FCC. Last year, the 5K brought in almost \$1000 for Global Ministries. To register, visit tinyurl.com/Mission-Dash. The cost is \$25 per individual or \$50 per family. Pre-registrants receive a race T-shirt. Participants can also register in-person on race day. Prizes are awarded to the top three finishers and breakfast will be served at the church following the race. Please contact Amber Rohr at arohr4@yahoo.com or Linda Weaver at weaverl@wabash.edu with any questions.



The Scouts had a great week this past week!

We participated in the Mayor's Breakfast for the Day of Scouting in Montgomery County. Members from Troops 247 & 265. Also members of Pack 909 from the American Legion.



Scouts pictured with Mayor Barton and Astronaut Joe Allen.



Trip to Blue Springs Caverns and Spring Mill State Park for March 22nd-23rd
Members of Troops 247 and 365

Scouts Updates

As always, if you are interested in being involved in Scouting, 11-17 years old, or even as an adult leader, please let us know. We meet on Monday evenings 6:30pm to 8pm. During the summer months watch the Pathfinder for location or give us a call... We like to be outdoors during the summer.

Contact information: troop247.365.acct@gmail.com

Michele Enlow: 765.401.6228

Rolf Samuelsen: 317.966.7609

Melissa Myers: 765.366.7514

Coming up Next:

- Weekly meetings on Monday evenings at 630pm
- April 5th-7th: Spring Camporee at Camp Krietenstein in Brazil, IN
- April 12-14th: NYLT weekend #1
- April 26-29th: NYLT weekend #2

May/June Activities:

- May 17-19th: TBD - Scout activity weekend
- May 27th: No Meeting
- June 16-22 - Summer Camp @Camp Cullom - Frankfort
- June 28th - Flag Ceremony - Waynetown Freedom Festival - just before fireworks
- July 4th - Flag Ceremony - New Richmond Fireworks festival

April Calendar

Mon. 4/1	Scouts Committee Meeting —6pm Scouts —6:30pm
Tues. 4/2	FCC Book Club (<i>Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality</i> by Colby Martin) discussion led by Rev. Kevin Toth—6pm
Wed. 4/3	WOW —4:30-7pm Choir Practice —7:15pm
Thurs. 4/4	Men's Coffee —9-10 am Cruisers (Pizza Hut)—11:30am
Sun. 4/7	The Wired Word —9am Worship (in sanctuary or online) Youth Sunday—10:15am VBS Volunteer Meeting —11:15am
Mon. 4/8	Pathfinder articles due to Crystal Eclipse —office open 10am to 12pm ONLY Scouts —6:30 pm
Tues. 4/9	Elders Meeting (parlor)—7pm
Wed. 4/10	WOW —4:30-7pm Choir Practice —7:15pm
Thurs. 4/11	New Pathfinder Newsletter Men's Coffee —9-10am Lay Leadership Meeting (parlor)—5pm
Fri. 4/12	AME Regional Event
Sat. 4/13	AME Regional Event Multi-Church Youth Group (Wabash Ave Presbyterian Church)—9am-12pm
Sun. 4/14	Global Missions 5K —8am Continental Breakfast —9-9:50am The Wired Word —9am Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Kevin Toth—10:15am
Mon. 4/15	Scouts —6:30pm
Tues. 4/16	Coordinating Council (parlor)—7pm Governing Board Meeting —8pm



4/1	Sam Thompson
4/4	Sam Rohr
4/6	Emily Petrie
4/8	Melanie Dowd
4/13	Arleen Wilhite
4/15	Kris Rohr
4/19	Glenda Joy Walther
4/23	Lydia Aspatore
4/25	Carolyn Snyder

Wed. 4/17	WOW —4:30-7pm Choir Practice —7:15pm
Thurs. 4/18	Men's Coffee —9-10 am Ladies Lunch Bunch (Super China Buffet) —12:30pm
Sun. 4/21	The Wired Word —9am Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15am
Mon. 4/22	Pathfinder articles due to Crystal Scouts —6:30 pm
Wed. 4/24	WOW (Last One)—4:30-7pm Choir Practice —7:15 pm
Thurs. 4/25	New Pathfinder Newsletter Men's Coffee —9-10am
Sun. 4/28	The Wired Word —9am Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15am
Mon. 4/29	Scouts —6:30pm

PRAYER

Help us keep this list up to date!

Please email 211fccville@gmail.com if you wish to have a name removed or provide an update. Thank you for your help with this—and for your ongoing dedication to holding each other in prayer.

STEVE HOUSE—had surgery on 3/26 for cancer on his neck

THE FAMILY OF TIM NANNET who passed away Tuesday, March 19th.

GERRY COATS—home recovering after being hospitalized for GI internal bleeding

TOM STOUT (Jan Stout's brother)—in intensive care in Milwaukee, Wisconsin after having a severe staph infection and stroke

WYATT WOODALL (The Yund's grandson)—recovering from surgery on his toe

DARLENE GOODRICH—starting rehab at Wellbrooke in Crawfordsville (Room 129)

THE FAMILY OF DALLAS McDONALD who passed away Sunday, March 10th.

GENE EVERETT—recovering after hospitalization at Ben Hur (room #505)

JACK WYATT—at home with health concerns

LADAWN PRIEBE—began chemotherapy and radiation after being diagnosed with a brain tumor

SHEILA CLARK—at home receiving rehab after hospitalization.



Deb Vaught has organized a Meal Train for **LaDawn and Kevin Priebe** through the end of April. For any questions, please contact Deb. To sign up to provide a meal, please visit:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/rokvgd>

BONNIE YUND—recovering at home after knee replacement surgery

DEBBIE FREDERICK (Jan Vaughn-Horner's daughter)—health is improved after surgery to remove multiple kidney stones.

AMY WOODALL—pre-brain surgery symptoms have returned including some new symptoms.

RANDALL GARRETT—health concerns

JUDITH SMITH'S husband RICK had open heart surgery (12/23) / 2 months of rehabilitation.

JORDAN TURNER (Gerry Turner's grandson) and family—recovering from motorcycle accident

JOHN HOOPER—ongoing Parkinson's issues

QUINTON NANNET and family—Rejoice for Quinton is back in the USA! Please continue to pray for his strength, courage, and discernment as he navigates these next steps.

GERRY TURNER—health issues

BETTY CEDARS—ongoing health concerns

ALLEN GOFF (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)—lung cancer

SANDY & KEN BROWN—ongoing health concerns

MATT RYKER (Ron Yund's friend's son)—beating victim, long recovery ahead

CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

Pray for our Shut-ins

Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.

BEN HUR: **GENE EVERETT (#505)**

WHITLOCK:
CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

MAPLE PARK REHAB at WESTFIELD, IN:
BOB DIXON

WELLBROOKE CRAWFORDSVILLE:
DARLENE GOODRICH (#129)

HOME: **PAUL & MARIAN CASS,**
RICHARD McDONALD



Thank you

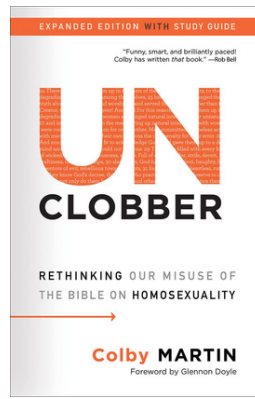
Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for all the love, prayers, support, cards, and care surrounding Tim and our family during Tim's passing, and especially during his years of illness. You were the hands, eyes, feet, and heart of God for us everyday! I rejoice that Tim is now whole and surrounded in Divine Love. It also seems fitting that he died on the last day of winter and left us to start our new journey in the season of rebirth.

With gratitude and love,
Kay, Quinton, and Andie Nannet

FCC BOOK CLUB

Hope to see you on Tuesday, April 2, from 6-7:30 pm, as Pastor Kevin leads the discussion on the book **Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality** by Colby Martin. Upcoming meetings are below (and as always, you don't have to read the book in order to come be part of the discussion!). One copy of each book is circulating through our church library. Contact Kelly Stanley with questions (kellyostanley@me.com).



- May 7—**The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet** by John Green
- June 4—**Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive** [also a miniseries on Netflix] by Stephanie Land
- July 2—**The Vanishing Half** (fiction) by Brit Bennett
- "August" meeting will be one week early, on July 30—**Book TBD** | Kevin Toth, discussion leader



Pastor Darla will be away from the office from Monday, April 8th to Monday, April 15th.

Pastor Kevin will be available and on call that week for emergencies (except April 15).

Pastor Kevin will be away for his Spring Bethany Fellows retreat from Monday, April 15th to Friday April 19th.

Pastor Darla will be available and on call that week for emergencies.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

General Questions	Contact Kay Nannet (contact information above) for any questions about the church: building, calendar, messages for personnel, ministers, elders, lay leaders, prayer requests, and general communication.
Financial Questions and Concerns	Andrew Nicodemus , FCC Financial Administrator FCC Office: 765.362.4812 (leave a message) fccvillefinance@gmail.com
Communications (incl. newsletter)	Crystal Hahnstadt , Communications Administrator Cell: 217.460.1027 (text/leave a message) fcc.comm211@gmail.com
Church Business and Policies	Carolyn Snyder , Chair of the Board Cell: 765.401.6425 (text/leave a message) carolynsnyder42@gmail.com
Other Leaders or Ministries	For a full list of our leaders, go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders or consult your church directory.



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Monday is Rev. Darla's day off.

Friday is Rev. Kevin's day off.

On their days off, please contact the other pastor or the Church Office with questions, concerns, or emergencies.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**DUSK TO DAWN
BEREAVEMENT SERVICES**
Cheryl Furman

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info@dusk-to-dawn.org

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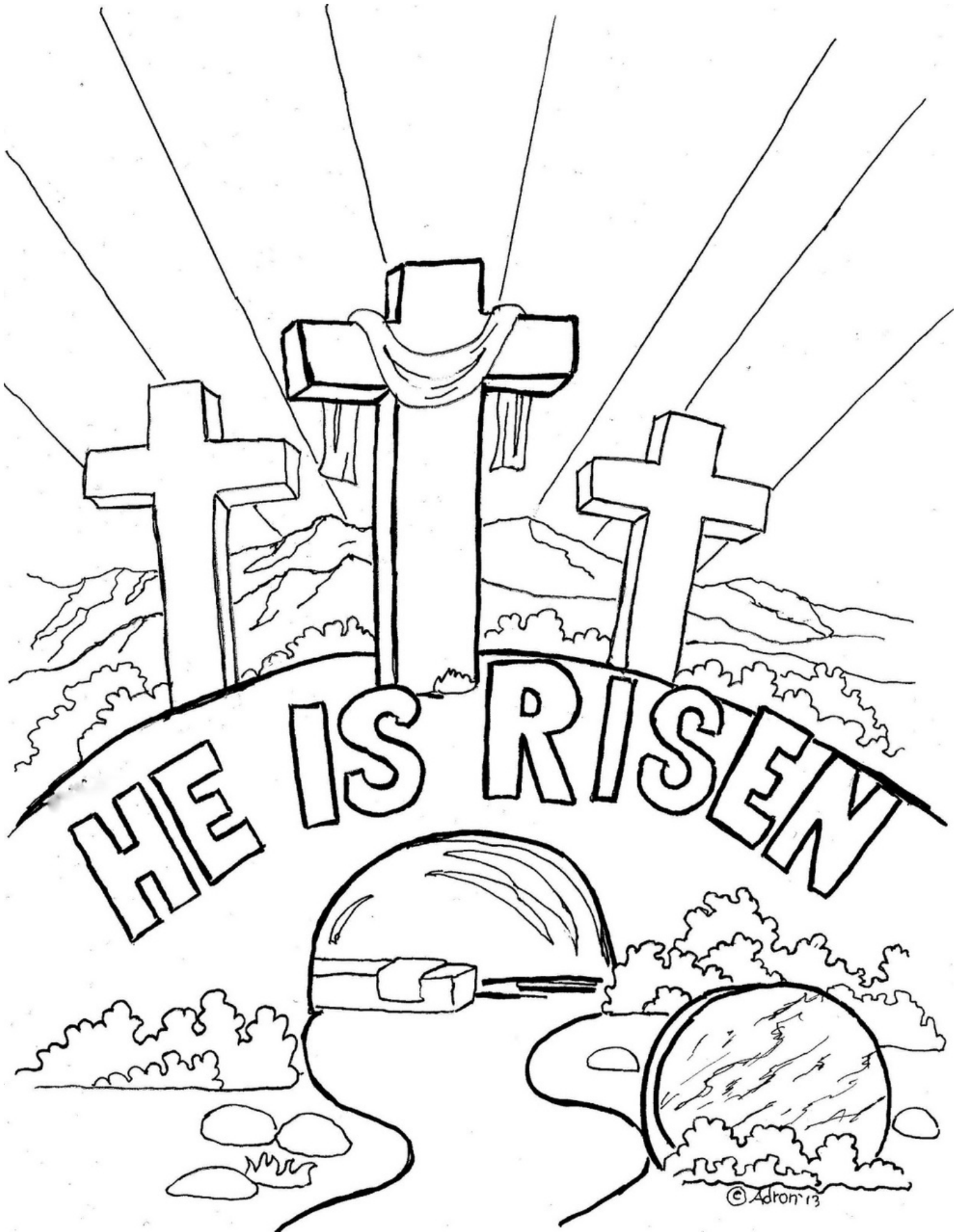
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